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## Board of Trustees celebrates success

Ijeoma Osuagwu  
page editor

TJC Board of Trustees celebrated success at their meeting last Thursday.

The Board presented a resolution of condolences to the family of the late Martha Round, a secretary and staff aide for Support Services and Testing.

They presented medals and certificates to Jimmy Epperson Jr. and Annette Pittman for the All-USA Academic Team.

The Student Senate was present to report to the Board its academic year accomplishments.

Government Instructor Dr. Manoucher Khosrowshahi reported the Fullbright Scholarship's contributions to cultural education.

"We've deemed this as our celebration board meeting of the year," TJC President, Dr. William Crowe said.

They recognized the TJC Student Senate who won the president school position for the Texas Junior College Student Government Association.

TJC leads all other schools with 6 All-Americans in the last 9 years and Texas leads other states with 25 first teamers, ahead of California and New York in second and

third places.

"The success of these students reflects on the College a tremendous accomplishment," Crowe said.

The financial health of the college once again achieved a reasonable rating.

"The surplus is close to our budget and our investment is good," Financial Services Director Ben Ferrell said. "We were also able to purchase a bond a little over 6 percent."

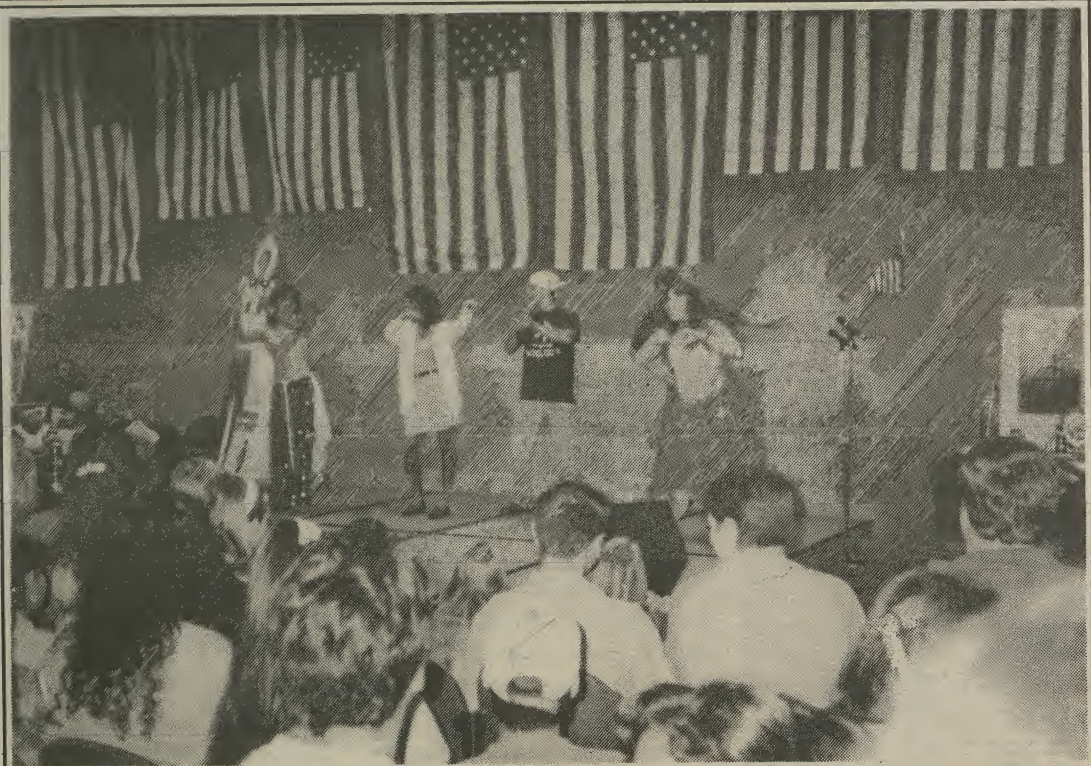
Spring '99 commencement, May 8 will probably be one of the largest cap and gown ceremonies in TJC college history, Crowe said.

Preparing for graduation, Student Senate President Amber Foxx, passed the torch and some advice to Freshman President Tonya Player.

"Student Senate is another family. You share goals and dreams with the people and you learn to grow together," Foxx said.

"It's a diverse group of students coming together to make a difference. That is my hope of what will be continued."

The Board authorized sale of delinquent tax properties in Smith County, a tax abatement for Brookshire Grocery Company, and approved the quarterly investment report.



staff photo

**INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATION** —9th Annual International Day April 21 with folk music and dancing in the Apache Rooms in Rogers Student Center.

## Run, walk for Komen cause

by Becky Jester  
staff writer

The Komen Tyler Race for the Cure Saturday, May 8 at Bergfeld Park, is open to men and women of all ages and abilities.

The Susan G. Komen Foundation was established in 1982 by Nancy Brinkert to honor her sister, Susan Komen, who died of breast cancer at 36. The foundation works through local affiliates to raise money to increase awareness and fund breast cancer research.

Freda Harder, a cancer survivor who teaches health at John

Tyler High School, helped establish the Tyler branch of the Dallas-based foundation. Her goal is greater accessibility to information and support for persons with breast cancer in East Texas. We need to reach the "medically underserved," she said.

"Harder said, 75 percent of the money raised will stay in this community. The other 25 percent will go towards a national grant,

College women especially should self examine their breasts monthly. Women as young as 25

have been diagnosed with cancer. Students should encourage women relatives to get mammograms yearly, even if they have no family history of the disease.

Registration forms for the Race for the Cure are available from TJC faculty, at JCPenney, Pier 1 Imports and other merchants. Runners can register online at [www.getsetgo.net](http://www.getsetgo.net) or on Race Day at Bergfeld Park.

Registration costs \$15. Prizes will be awarded, including two round trip American Airlines tickets.

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# CAMPUS F.O.C.U.S

## What is your view of Campus Safety?



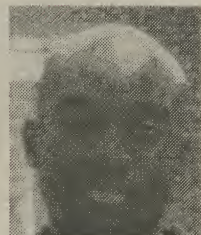
Latanya Porter

Campus safety is a waste of money. They don't do anything to help our safety.



Carol Kapella

They offer good protection but they give too many tickets.

"Little Rock"  
Bledsoe

Their intentions are good, but they go about things in the wrong way. If they show respect, they will receive respect.



Josh Sims

I don't see campus safety. They are never around.



Shelia Fuller

They are good for some things, but they always interfere when we are having fun outside.

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## U.S. attempts to stop 'ethnic cleansing'

by Ijeoma Osuagwu  
staff writer

It's been called a Balkan hell, a human outrage, the Kosovo mess. The terror in Europe has invaded U.S. television and newspapers, leaving many wondering what will happen next. After failed peace talks in Rambouillet, France, Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic continues his quiet campaign of ethnic cleansing to commit genocide against Kosovar Albanians.

"This is an issue of terror and power," Croatian native Dr. Olga Supek, coordinator for international programs at University of Texas at Tyler said. "There's been an ongoing discussion of this since President George Bush's administration, but not to this magnitude. Milosevic is not a rational person. He's never

been rational."

The North American Treaty Organization launched air strikes March 24 to stymie Milosevic's horrific plans, bombing barracks, fuel dumps and factories. In its efforts to wage peace many Serbs see NATO as the "North American Terrorist Organization." Support for Milosevic appears popular.

"NATO's air attacks are long overdue," History Instructor Dr. Eugene Kirkpatrick said. "I'm glad the [U.S.] is blocking Milosevic's efforts through NATO."

With NATO's response to Milosevic, thousands of Albanians took flight to the mountainous border between their war-torn country and Macedonia. The sudden influx of Albanian refugees

thrust NATO and humanitarian relief organizations to another level, the incredible responsibility of caring for thousands of needy, malnourished Albanians from newborns to the elderly. Many nations such as Canada and Turkey have offered temporary asylum to the Albanians.

"I don't see any problems with absorbing the Albanians in to other countries, but to convince people who are so tied to their homeland to leave despite the atrocities is difficult," Kirkpatrick said.

Many Albanians see the Kosovo crisis as something temporary, they hope to return home soon and begin rebuilding their lives.

The crisis became more personal after the Serb capture of three American soldiers on Macedonia's border:

specialist Steven Gonzales, 21 and staff sergeants Andrew Ramirez, 24 and Christopher Stone, 25.

What's Milosevic's next militant move? One can only imagine. After almost a month of war initiative on both sides, there's no telling how long this will continue, but it must stop eventually, especially for the sake of the refugee children. Some cry out for their lost mothers, fathers, siblings and other missing relatives who may be dead or alive. Others writhe in mental pain at the carnage they've witnessed and no longer have tears because of the anguish. This war must stop.

"Kosovo will probably become a European Union," Supek said. "When it is rebuilt, the people will come back, but only time will tell."

## Kosovo: Vietnam revisited

by Michael George  
photo editor

Once upon a time young men and women were forced to fight a war known as Vietnam.

In the late fifties the United States, terrified by the spread of communism from strongholds in Russia and Cuba known as the Red Scare, turned its attention to a small nation south of China.

The rest is history - costly, bloody, deadly American history.

America lost an estimated 58,148 women and men and spent countless millions in a war many still believe was not

our responsibility.

Fast forward 30 years. The United States has committed to fighting a war in another faraway land, this time under the North American Treaty Organization banner. The war in Serbia consists of bombing raids designed to stop Serbian troops who are massacring ethnic Albanians living in the Serb province of Kosovo.

See the resemblance? Hello! Washington to draft-age males! It might not be long before some of us are called to fight on the other side of the globe.

ABCNEWS.com reported the U.S. armed forces are

spread so thin that reservists are called to be ground support for war planes en route to Serbia. Anthony Cordesman, ABCNEWS military analyst, said U.S. armed forces remain formidable, but are undermanned, underfunded and overstretched to the point where they can no longer fight two major regional wars at once. U.S. troops are still stationed in North Korea and Iraq.

Information is confusing so it's hard to know what to believe: American reports that ethnic Albanians are being slaughtered by the cruel Serbian forces? Or the Milosevic controlled Serbian

media charges that the imperialistic Americans are bombing peace-loving civilians?

So what if American ground forces are called in to saturate the soil with the blood of innocent women and children, only to find well-armed force of Serbian troops ready to murder our children with a vengeance. What if those countries opposed to this action retaliate with support troops, long range-missiles or invasion? Who will be sent to fight? Young men 18 and older.

This quickly could be bigger than Y2k.



# Kids killing kids: carnage continues

by Kelsey Walter  
editor in chief

Fifteen people dead and many more injured in Littleton, Colo. Yet another statistic describing another senseless crime involving troubled teens. This sort of thing has become all too common. Unfortunately no single answer will keep these tragic crimes from recurring in small American towns.

The most important question is: How can we keep kids from feeling they have no way out other than senselessly murdering their classmates?

We need to make young

people realize that it is not uncommon to have a problem. The main reason teenage shooters have given for committing such crimes is peer pressure for being different and unusual.

The blame cannot be placed entirely on parents, despite what some people believe. We have all played a role in emotionally degrading another person at some point in our lives. Learning does begin at home, but life is a constant school in which learning must continue until we take our final breath.

The hardest thing to comprehend is when those suspected of such crimes take their own lives. That makes it impossible for anyone ever to understand why they felt they had no other way to solve their problems.

It would be difficult to forgive these boys' horrible actions, but we must learn what motivated them. Otherwise, we cannot solve a problem we don't understand.

In the next few years all schools likely will be forced to use metal detectors. Old visions of elementary schools

with fenceless playgrounds filled with innocent children will be replaced by high schools surrounded by security guards constantly combing the premises.

If we wait until then to pay attention to kids who have gone astray, it will be too late. To save young people and their families a lot of pain and suffering, we must act immediately.

Instead of ignoring potential problems, someone must find a way to help so-called outcasts express themselves. Someone must listen

to them no matter how different or unusual they may seem.

If we — parents, teachers, and peers — continue to shun them simply because they lack the common everyday traits of a "normal" student, hate crimes will continue. We will see incidents such as the ones in Colorado and Jonesboro, Ark., repeated.

As long as we live, the punishment will never fit the crime in cases like these. The only logical solution is to confront these kids about their problems before they unleash their frustration on more innocent people.

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## Letter to editor: Praise of Clinton outrages reader

Your article on the experiences between George Stephanopoulos and Bill Clinton on Monday, April 12 was quite appalling.

When Stephanopoulos quoted "Clinton will go down as a president who aided his country when they needed him," is a statement of outrage to those who believe he is the worst president this country has ever had.

Clinton has done absolutely nothing to help

out country and should go down as a president who misled and lied (under oath), to his country repeatedly. People think that because the economy is going well or "what he does doesn't affect my life" is a reason to excuse such wicked behavior. This is a wrong and absurd attitude. He is supposed to be our leader! Where has this country gone? At one time this nation relied upon God for its leadership and was based upon morals and

ethical values; this idea has long been gone. Now,

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we don't even know right from wrong and we excuse inexcusable behavior.

May I remind those

who claim, "Clinton is a pretty good president", that he has rejected the one authority which far exceeds his authority, Jesus Christ. If only he would repent of his sins, not only would God forget about his misdeeds, but so would I. Remember that forgiveness requires repentance, which means a total change in one's lifestyle. Clinton has not changed his life, and is not sorry for what he did; therefore, God's wrath remains on him and

this nation. Oh, if only we would return to God, if only Clinton would be a person of integrity and a spiritual leader. The only one who can help this country now is God. We must turn to him and repent of our sins. We must seek the only one who is able to heal this great nation that we love. Revelations 2:4 says "Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love."

—Andy New



## Dorm space awaits early sign-ups

by Gina Lee  
staff writer

Students who plan to live in a dorm need to sign up now to ensure a spot for next fall, Residential Operations Specialist Jenny Sims said. The 600 beds for both women and men fill up fast.

No specific deadline is set, but who gets what dorm and roommate is handled on first-come, first-served basis. It is best to fill out the residential application and turn it in now, Sims said.

Dorm residents have already signed up to return in the fall. Sophomores and returning students are most likely to get their first pick, Sims said, but new students who sign up now can have a good chance at getting their choice.

Returning students who want to change roommates need to tell their residential operations specialist right away, Sims said.

Residents must move out by 5 p.m. May 7.

## Summer Pell grants ready

by Brandee Boyd  
page editor

Students can pick up forms May 4 in the financial aid office for summer session Pell grant.

Students must show copy of summer registration to apply.

"Only students who have filled out the 98-99 FAFSA form and have a



complete financial aid file folder are eligible to apply,"

Heather Whitehead, work study student in the financial aid office, said.

No loans or scholarships are available for summer.

For information contact Celia Bunt in the financial aid office at 510-2386.

## Where to live: at home, in dorm or apartment

by Gina Lee  
staff writer

Students are deciding where to live: at home with parents, in a dorm or in an apartment. After a year of college, many think it's time to get an apartment and learn how to live on their own.

Another major decision is roommates. Most student budgets require someone to share the rent. Before jumping into a lease with just anyone, it's good to make sure you can live together.

Best friends from high school or someone you have known for a long time may be a good choice. You already know their good and bad habits, whether they will pay the rent or if they will help keep the place clean.

Sometimes rooming together can ruin a friendship forever. It is really hard finding out that your best friend is a slob doesn't like to wash dishes because it ruins her fingernails or he can't stand taking out the trash or likes to wear all your clothes and never wash them. You always must pay the bills first because he didn't have his money

on time, but of course, he will pay you back.

Some decide to room with a new friend. That can be good because living together can give you a chance to know each other better. It's harder to fight with someone you've just met because most people will try a little harder to be less selfish. Living together can be a great way to gain a new life-long friend.

Living with someone you've just met can also cause problems. Most people hide their worst qualities with new friends. Only after they relax around each other does their dark side come shining through. They can seem so sweet when you're just hanging out, but they could turn out to be rude, bossy or inconsiderate.

Choosing a roommate needs careful consideration. Having a great roommate or a horrible one can affect your whole college experience. Making a new friend can build happy memories that will last forever. A bad experience with a roommate could make you want to quit school for good.

## Job seekers can get help

by Stefani Martin and Danny Gallagher  
staff writers

Job placement programs can help students plan their future.

"It's always good to find a job in the area of your major or a job that can earn some money," Career Placement and Planning Director Melinda Coker said.

The best time to start looking is now.

"Our program lets students know what jobs are available and what will be required of them," Planning Director Melinda Coker said. She has run the program for two years.

She can help students find a job, part-time or full-time, or decide on a major.

"We have a resource room full of books on various careers, as well as videos and pamphlets. We also have a web page ([www.tyler.cc.tx.us/cpps](http://www.tyler.cc.tx.us/cpps)) full of seasonal jobs, internships and links to over 100 U.S. corporations," Coker said.

JobMonkey.com may be the next best place to go. JobMonkey is a database at [www.jobmonkey.com](http://www.jobmonkey.com),

Company president Matt Lucas said.

Both websites have information on jobs in Tyler and elsewhere.

"We have the most comprehensive information on these unique jobs available anywhere," said Lucas in a press release. "And now, it's all on-line."

A Hot Jobs Panel once a semester, workshops and the Winning Opportunities for Women are other resources.

Internships offer chances to work in fields related to a major. Openings are available three times a year.

"With summer approaching, many students start looking for jobs. This program can help them find a job and be prepared, as well as inform them of all the availabilities," Coker said.

"These jobs show employers they have the motivation, that they aren't afraid of working and that they are ready to get a job," Coker said.

For more summer job information, call Career Placement and Planning Service Office at 510-2334.



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# A Celebration of Cultures

## Hundreds participate in cultural celebration

by Brandee Boyd  
page editor

Hundreds of spectators filled the Apache Rooms of Rogers Student Center Tuesday to celebrate the rich culture of our globe at the ninth annual International Day. Cultures of 49 countries found expression through exhibitions, music, entertainment and arts and crafts.

"I think it is important that we have

International Day. You can laugh at the entertainment like when the belly dancers pulled people from the audience, but at the same time it is good to know that everyone is of a different culture," Freshman History Major Matt Herrington said. "Life is full

of variety, more than what we know. It's especially good for the little kids to see this."

The Egyptian and Saudi Arabian booth was one of Freshman Courtney Jones's favorite exhibits. Rami Aransa wrote her name in Arabic for her. He is an 18-year-old from Egypt attending Robert E. Lee to learn English and graduate. His sister, Rana, 21, a sophomore at TJC also worked in the Egypt booth.

"I was born in Egypt and grew up in Saudi Arabia," Rana said. "When you understand other cultures, it leads to better communication. If you know why people believe the way they do, you can know why they dress the way they do."

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## Australia

by Brandee Boyd  
and Stefani Martin  
page editors

Sophomore Matt Burshe said Australia is much more than kangaroos and koala

bears, just as Texas is much more than tumbleweed and cattle.

"I used to live in Australia for about six years. That's why I picked this country for International Day. There is so much more to Australia than how it is commonly ste-

reotyped," Burshe said.

The areas are more compact, with all the shops lined up together.

"I remember seeing trams running through the cities," he said. "Things there are also more expensive."

The seasons in Australia are opposite from those here: when we have summer, they have winter.

"That means no 'White Christmas' over there. It's more like 'Hot Christmas,'" Burshe said.

The staple food in Australia is a yeast extract called Vegemite.

"Vegemite is used all the time for things such as meat loaf, on bread and for kids to eat as snacks," Sophomore Tarah Sullivan said.

Eleven-year-old Tony Barajas from Summerfield Elementary volunteered to try Vegemite on a cracker.

He wasn't convinced it was so great when he spit it back out on his napkin.

"It's kind of sour and salty," he said. "I don't like it at all."

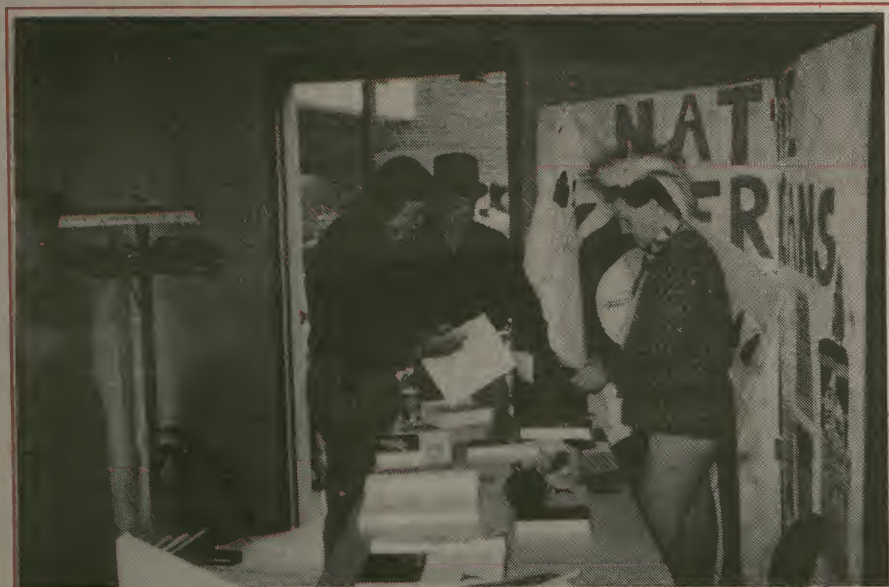
Tarah Sullivan spent seven weeks in Australia in a 1997 summer exchange program. Three of those on safari.

"We hiked through the middle of the desert where there were these huge cactuses and termite mounds," Sullivan said. "People live in underground homes."

They lived in tents.

"I took boomerang lessons while I was there and they really do come back. You have to be very careful because they can hurt you," she said.

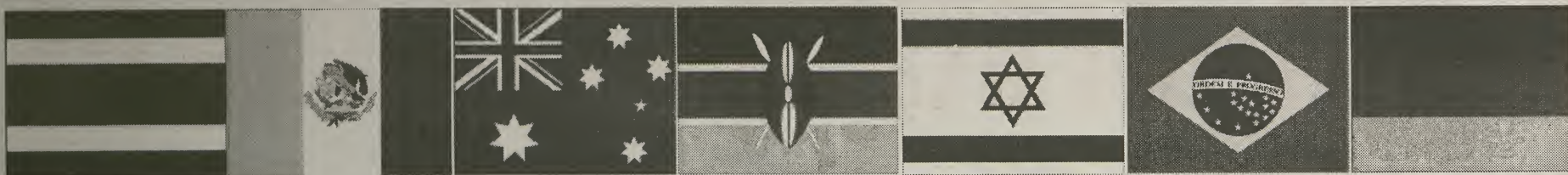
"If I could go back, I would love to. It's just real costly and right now I'm working to finish school."



staff photo

The American Indian culture celebrated the International Day expo with authentic clothing, tools and ceremonial jewelry.





## African, African American not the same thing

by Vatina Henderson  
page editor

In today's society among the black community there are misconceptions about African people. Africans in America often find others assume they are African Americans. Despite their roles in this society they cherish their own culture and want others to respect it also.

Africans are offended when someone assumes they are from Haiti or the Bahamas. They are not of American descent and do not want to be called African-American, but often that is the only choice on some applications.

Freshman Mubanga Kunea who moved to New York four years ago from Luasaka, Zambia, sees both the African and American side of life. "Banga" was 16 when she moved to Queens because her father is a U.S. diplomat and has a job that requires a lot of traveling. She decided to go to TJC because her cousin Henry Musoma was here previously. "Banga" is 5'6 with semi-brown crinkly hair and brown skin. She has five sisters and one brother.

A major difference between Zambia and the United States, she said is respect espe-

cially toward elders. In Africa everyone expects and practices respect. Greeting is important, and sometimes one has to bend one's knee to show that respect.

She dislikes the way Africa is portrayed in the news, especially on television.

"We have colleges, universities, hotels and a more strict education system than here. We are a civilized and modern country that is prosperous and up-to-date," Kunea said.

She wishes people in

America would understand that Kwanzaa is not African. She had never heard of the celebration until she came to the United States.

"Kwanzaa is an African-American, holiday not a African holiday. We celebrate Christmas just like everyone else on Dec. 25," Kunea said.

She says black Americans always want to identify with their African heritage, but they never want to help out financially. Rich black Americans

like movie stars and singers, want to say "our forefathers this and our forefathers that." But they are not willing to visit Africa and see how it is or help financially.

Kunea enjoys living in America a lot, but she said she will never forget her African origins.

"We as Africans have our own individual culture, while America has a mixture with which sometimes one cannot identify with," Kunea said.



The Africa booth had many artifacts to show their guests with everything from pictures to musical instruments.

## Special exhibits

- Apache Belles
- Native American exhibit
- Better Business Bureau
- John Tyler High School
- International Baccalaureate
- Mercy Ships of Texas
- Volunteers Exchange International
- Musical Instruments Around the World
- American Deaf Culture
- International Friendship
- Dolls From Around the World
- Tae Kwon Do
- Authentic Middle East Dance
- Korean Musicals
- Azerbaijani/Turkish Dance
- Shudo Kahn Karate
- International Fashion and Talent Show
- Middle Eastern music
- Harmony and Understanding

## Kazakstan

by Lasaundra Brown  
staff writer

Kazakstan is an independent country located in Central Asia, northwest of China. Once part of the Soviet Union, Kazakstan gained its independence in 1991 and became known as the Republic of Kazakh. Sophomore Jenny Carman said.

Kazakh is the traditional language of Kazakstan, but two-thirds of the people speak Russian. Sunni Muslim is the main religion practiced, but 44 percent are Russian Orthodox Christians.

Kazaks use currency called tenge, Dahna Kapsalyamova, a senior at Grand Saline said. She is an exchange student from Kazakhstan.

Farming is a common occupation in northern Kazakstan and horses, cows and sheep are raised, Kapsalyamova said. Winters are cold and summers hot; earthquakes and mudslides are common.

Kazaks eat meat, rice and vegetables. Plov, a popular dish, is a combination of rice, meat and carrots.

Akym men are popular en-

tertainers. They play instruments and stories by singing.

White camels symbolize that one will return. "My sister Penny and I chose this country because my father was a drilling consultant in Kazakstan. He gave us information, Carman said.

"The Kazakstans gave my father a white camel when he left, hoping that he would come back to Kazakstan." Jan Rackley, 50, of Lone Oak, said "International Day was very educational. The natives helped explain the countries' cultures."

## England

by Stefani Martin  
staff writer

England attracts tourists to the intricate design of its architecture, others think of swords, knights and King Arthur.

"I love the beauty of the cathedrals and the castles. It's all so intriguing," Sophomore Thomas Fisher said as he welcomed visitors to the booth Wednesday.



UNITED KINGDOM

"My favorite monument is the Tower of London," Fisher said. The Tower was a famous prison housing the

most dangerous criminals. Nobility, including the wives of Henry VIII were tortured there,

Since the Battle of Hastings, when the Normans defeated the Saxons, England has been an important, influential nation.



## Korea

by Courtney Jones  
staff writer

Koreans practice their faith, maintain strict schools and share generously, two students who have lived there say.

Jeanie Lee, who grew up in Seoul has lived here for a year as a TJC student.

Both Americans and Koreans are religious. "In Korea 55 percent are Buddhist and 45 percent are

Christian," Lee said. People are sometimes disowned by their families when they convert to Christianity because Buddhism is the historic religion in Korea.

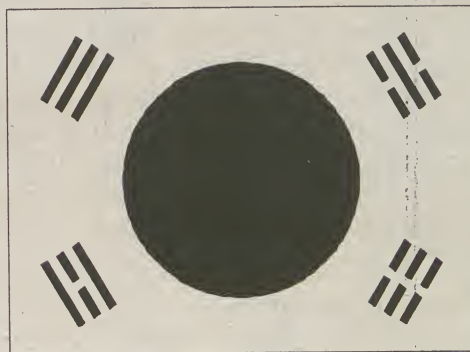
"But whatever religion they are into, they really dedicate their lives to it, instead of claiming what they believe and not obeying the religion like many Americans," student Dallas Jones said.

Jones lived in Korea four years, from age 12 until he was 16. People there were "very generous," he said. "The people are fantastic. When we went to the market for the first time, people gave us food because they wanted to thank us for helping them in the war," Jones said.

Seoul, the capital, is safe de-

spite its huge population.

"You don't have to worry about getting mugged or jumped on when walking around," Jones said. The people aren't as greedy as Americans.



REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Schools Lee attended were strict, she said. "But here the classes are fair because the students can discuss the subjects out loud in class," Lee said. In Korea teachers are dominate the class and the

only communication comes from them.

Students here often work and go to school, Lee said. In Korea families hold traditional values that basically come from their religion. Parents take care of the children almost their entire lives, until they are not physically able. Then the children end up taking care of their parents.

Korea is technologically advanced. For entertainment they enjoy the same products as Americans, such as PlayStations and other computer games.

In America many people who give a gift will expect something in return, but Koreans give as a blessing and do not expect anything in return.

## Thailand

by Danny Gallagher  
page editor

Thailand's booth was run by government student Kathy Swinney who lived there three and a half years.

"I went to high school there after spending time in Singapore," Swinney said. "It was a beautiful country filled with interesting sights and sounds."

Swinney treasures the experience she gained.

"I like the fact that... I went to... an international school," Swinney said. "I got to see some things that most students only get to see in textbooks."



THAILAND

Thailand, meaning "land of the free," formerly was part of Siam. Beautiful mountains and majestic forests are found in the northern territories known as the Korat plateau, which extends into the Gulf of Thailand. These beautiful landscapes also contribute to the country's booming tourism and agricultural industries.

The Thailand booth featured clothing, books written in Thai and a few pieces of money, as well as religious artifacts of Theravada Buddhism. They included an authentic statue of Buddha, the religion's highest prophet.

Swinney's booth was one of 50 nations represented at.

"It was wonderful," Jane Hughey, a teacher from Hubbard Middle School, said, "I've been here thirty minutes and I've seen everything from Tae Kwon Do demonstrations to be'i; dancing."

"I love the way everything is so authentic," Hughey said.

## Russia

Colorful artifacts and trinkets showed Russian history and culture at International Day.

"I liked the performances and the atmosphere of the day," media assistant Anton Gladchenko said.

Gladchenko, who videotaped the main activities, called the event a great tool for learning about other countries and cultures.

"You can learn more from one conversation with a person about their culture than you could from 10 classes," Gladchenko said.

Gladchenko used to live in Nizhnevartousk in Western Siberia. He came to the United States two and a half years ago to visit family and decided to stay and attend college.

While Russia and the United States share many of the same characteristics, some elements are just different.

U.S. churches give the people a better instruction on the gospel, he said.

"In the U.S., the preachers actually teach from the Bible. In Russia, the priest speaks to the people, but it is up to the congregation to read the Bible," Gladchenko said. "The churches here help take the stress from people's daily lives."

Schools in Russia are much more disciplined.

"In Russia you would never hear about students bringing guns or drugs to school," Gladchenko said.

The war in Kosovo hits close to home for Russians.

"Since Russia is fighting its own civil war, I don't think will get into the war in Yugoslavia," Gladchenko said. "When the U.S. started bombing, they brought no peace with war."

## 'Mercy Ships' gives aid abroad

by Becky Jester  
staff writer

Mercy Ships of Texas, part of an international organization to aid needy people, is based in Garden Valley northwest of Tyler.

Casa Nita, who worked with Mercy Ships 15 years, has traveled widely helping people in undeveloped countries.

"I have traveled to Mexico, the Dominican Republic and places like the Faroe Islands that no one has heard of," Nita said.

Mercy Ships began with a dream. Youth With a Mission volunteers were stuck in the Philippines during a hurricane in the 1960s. As they prayed, they decided they needed a ship to travel to needy countries. In 1982, their prayers were answered when YWAM bought their first ship.

Lisa DeShazu, a student from Martin's Mill, said she is interested in Mercy Ships' work.

"I think it is great that they offer countries medical help. Even if you aren't a doctor, you can go to comfort and share your faith," DeShazu said.

Mercy Ships now has three ships, based in Europe, America and the Pacific. They offer medical, dental and water sanitation to people from West Africa to Central America to the Philippines.



# Education, support can help sexual crime victims

by Ijeoma Osuagwu  
page editor

Preventing sexual abuse and harassment is an education issue, Joan Ford said at the Sexual Assault and Harassment Seminar on campus this month.

East Texas Crisis Center sponsored the seminar with presentations from legal, medical and support services working to prevent assault and harassment.

Forensics Nurse Examiner Shonna DeFoy said, "1.3 adult women are sexually assaulted every minute."

Rape is a crime of power, anger or sadism.

Power rapists, 65 percent of those who rape, do so to gain physical or mind control over their victims.

Another 30 percent rape to cause physical injury. Anger motivates them.

Only a few, 3 to 5 percent

are sadists who brutally attack and kill their victims, often damaging their bodies.

DeFoy strongly advises rape victims to report the assault within 72 hours or less. Then tests for saliva, semen, foreign hair and fabric may be used in court to prosecute the assailant.

Betty Whitten of the district attorney's office gave legal advice.

Peggy Black, Tyler Police Department detective, specializes in sexual crimes against children. To protect children from the trauma of repeated testimony, often the child's testimony is recorded, Black said.

"With children or adults as victims of sex crimes, time sequence is crucial," Black said. "Every detail counts. Putting together a story to connect the victim with their assailant is incredibly important."

Both aggravated sexual assault and sexual assault are felonies. The charge is "aggravated" when a weapon is involved or the person raped fears for her life or is less than 14 years old.

Prosecutor Jennifer Earls

specializes in sexual crimes against children.

"Many children who are molested know the person molesting them. Many times it is a family member," Earls said. "The family member may present the child with

locate and sentence the rapist," Earls said.

Karen Eisenberg, a Texas Department of Justice parole officer, praised the efforts to publicize and educate the public about abuse.

"I'm really glad to see Smith County doing this," Eisenberg said. "It's very much needed."

She is the first female parole officer to take case loads in the counties she supervises.

Ford helps victims and their families get through the healing process after sexual crimes.

"I want to support, educate and help people find their inner strength," Ford said. She is the Sexual Assault Coordinator for the Crisis Center.

Abuse happens at all levels: teen rape, rape in marriage, sexual abuse of seniors, child abuse and abuse of disabled individuals. Anyone who knows a victim of rape and/or abuse should call for help: Texas Association Against Assault at 1-512-474-7190, Smith County District Attorney's office at 903-535-0520 or Crisis Center at 903-595-5591.

***"I want to support, educate and help people find their inner strength," Sexual Assault Coordinator Joan Ford said.***

gifts to build a trust [so] they can sexually abuse them."

Many children withstand the abuse, Earls said, because they fear being taken away from their homes and separated from their family. Many are too scared to tell anyone what is going on.

It is crucial to know who handled the medical tests to protect the prosecution, Earls said.

"It's important to maintain a tight chain of custody. The more people involved in the case, the harder it is to

## Exam Schedule

Classes Starting	Exam Date	Exam Time
7 a.m., MWF	Mon., May 3	8-9:50 a.m.
9 a.m., MWF	Mon., May 3	10-11:50 a.m.
11 a.m., MWF	Mon., May 3	1-2:50 p.m.
1 p.m., MWF	Mon., May 3	3-4:50 p.m.
7 a.m., TR	Tues., May 4	8-9:50 a.m.
9:50 a.m., TR	Tues., May 4	10-11:50 a.m.
12:40 a.m., TR	Tues., May 4	1-2:50 p.m.
2:05 p.m., TR	Tues., May 4	3-4:50 p.m.
8 a.m., MWF	Wed., May 5	8-9:50 p.m.
10 a.m., MWF	Wed., May 5	10-11:50 a.m.
12 p.m., MWF	Wed., May 5	1-2:50 p.m.
2 p.m., MWF	Wed., May 5	3-4:50 p.m.
8:25 a.m. TR	Thurs., May 6	8-9:50 a.m.
11:15 a.m. TR	Thurs., May 6	10-11:50 a.m.
3 p.m., MWF	Thurs., May 6	1-2:50 a.m.
3:30 p.m., TR	Thurs., May 6	3-4:50 p.m.
<b>Evening Classes</b>		
5:35 & 6 p.m., M	Mon., May 3	5:35-7:25 p.m.
5:35 p.m., MW	Mon., May 3	5:35-7:25 p.m.
7 p.m., M	Mon., May 3	7:35-9:25 p.m.
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8:25 p.m., TR	Thurs., May 6	7:35-9:25 p.m.

All weekend classes will have exams during regularly scheduled class times, April 30 and May 1, 1999.

## Respect: a lesson for all ages

by Stefani Martin  
staff writer

Most young people today are carefree. They do not respect their parents' authority, teachers or public law enforcement officials.

Everyone knows the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," but many ignore it.

I was raised to respect my elders as well as my peers. Even in a classroom when I know my teachers are wrong, I could never find the audacity to degrade their authority. Respect has become my way of life, how I choose to live now. No one is telling me what or how to do it.

To open your mouth and

spout off some rude, unnecessary comment usually just shows how uneducated and inconsiderate you are. It is embarrassing to others as well as yourself.

I am often stunned by the lack of respect young people have for public property. What kind of enjoyment comes in tearing apart mail boxes or writing profanity in the newly poured cement on your college campus? We are not talking about 15 or 16 year olds—these are young adults working on degrees, soon to be running our society.

The problem begins at home. That is where we learn how to act, right from wrong and build a moral founda-

tion for the rest of our lives. We cannot blame everything on a dysfunctional family. Somewhere along the line our conscience must kick in and remind us what we are doing is wrong. At some age we must become aware of choices we make and consequences we will face.

The "no fear" factor among young people today makes some think they are larger than life itself. Nothing and no one can mess up their plans.

We need to wake up and realize "play time" is over. Today is the day to take responsibility for our actions. We are adults now.



## Geographic system speeds problem solving

by Aaron Roberts  
page editor

Geographic Information Systems is a new computerized tool that can be used in almost every occupation in today's market, University of Texas at Tyler instructor Jack Mills told geography students last week.

GIS uses maps as the basis for vast information gathering on a variety of subjects. GIS pulls information from a wide range of sources such as government agencies and local surveys and organizes it to

allow the user to answer quickly questions on issues that would, normally take months or even years to research.

GIS can be used in careers ranging from elementary education and public officials to law enforcement and public relations.

GIS has numerous applications. For example, a county needs to locate new a landfill. GIS can pull up soil content maps to find areas with heavy clay deposits to prevent chemical drainage into the

ground water. The operator can overlay population maps to find areas less populated. Then the system could then overlay a population projection map and determine the possible growth of the city. The system will then create a new map including all these factors so planners can determine the best location for the dump.

GIS can also help businesses pinpoint their target audiences so they know where to market their products. Teachers can use GIS as new

and exciting tool in studying geography. Politicians can use GIS to locate ethnic groups to help them alter their campaign strategies.

According to a handout from Geography Instructor Robert Brooks, a career in GIS is one of the top 10 jobs in the country. More jobs exist in the field than individuals to fill them. Depending on the location, starting salaries range from \$30,000 to \$52,000.

For more information contact Mills at 566-7366.

## Getting off probation requires persistence

by De'Aundela Weekly  
staff writer

Some students are worried about whether they can return to school next fall. They face academic, disciplinary or financial aid suspension.

Enough unsatisfactory grades can lead to academic suspension.

"Students can also be put

on disciplinary suspension" which can remove them from TJC for a semester or more, Academic Counselor Dr. Alan Barnes said.

Financial Aid suspension will cut off funds until the student successfully meets grade requirements.

Students can take several steps to get reinstated in college. Due process

guarantees that a student will be heard. A student can appeal any decision through the College Appeals Committee, whatever the case maybe. "There is no limit to the amount of times one can appeal their case, but that doesn't mean they will say 'yes'," Barnes said.

"In loco parentis is Latin for a college acting just like

parents do," Barnes said.

Colleges are responsible for assuring that students get the quality education their parents expect. Institutions are also responsible for students' behavior on campus, just as parents are responsible for their behavior at home.

Colleges have a financial investment in students just as parents do. The college must require academic success before they can continue to fund someone's education.

Students are also responsible for themselves. It is their job to do all they can to be successful. Even though they maybe suspended, they must find ways to overcome those problems. They must be willing to make a turnaround.

It may take a few semesters to correct the problem, but it can be done. Even disciplinary suspension can be overcome if the student can demonstrate the ability to reform.

Students must be positive, not negative. We must strive for success no matter what. We must remain focused and take time to see the bigger picture. We each have a purpose, a destiny and we are responsible to ourselves and to the college we attend.

## News writers win award

Two TJC journalists won awards from the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association for stories they wrote for the Tyler Junior College News.

Former Editor in Chief George McKinney tied for third place in the general column category for his column, "Kids Who Kill — Lots of Ideas, No Real Answers."

Page editor Danny Gallagher won honorable mention for his news feature "Cliff Notes Serves Students for 40 Years."

Each competed in Division II of Texas college newspapers.

Student Publications Director Linda Zeigler said she is extremely proud of McKinney's and Gallagher's accomplishments.

"I always think it's wonderful when our students win at this level of competition," Zeigler said. "Both of these students are strong writers."

Other students winning awards in this division attended Abilene Christian, Lamar, Sam Houston, Stephen F. Austin and Texas A&M Universities and Richland College.

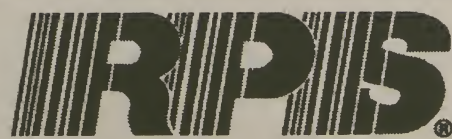
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# Phi Theta Kappa inducts 176 new members

by *Vatina Henderson*  
page editor

Phi Theta Kappa inducted 176 new member Friday night at a banquet at Rogers Student Center.

The inductees earned a minimum 3.5 GPA taking 12 college credit hours, with a declared major and paid the \$52 dues.

They were: Susan S. Aaron, Keith Adams, Marcella D. Allison, David Applegate, Lorri M. Aulsbrook, Pasha Baker, Mandi Baldrige, Stephanie Ball, Wendy Barnes, Rebecca A. Bass, Carolyn Beavers, Stephanie Bishop, Kevin R. Bowden, Brandee Boyd, Toni L. Bradley.

Receiving an induction too were: LaSaundra Brown, John Buchanan, Brandi Burkett, Benjamin D. Burns, Gloria J. Burns, Kelley Burns, Cayla Carr, Jeffrey L. Carroll, Crystal Cawthon, Alice Anne Cole, Kasey Coleman, Mindy Comte, Linda S. Cook, Jennifer Cooley, Micah Coplan.

Inducted as well were: Dalicia Cumby, Angela Curry, Jackie R. Cypert, Laura Dacus, Eric V. Davis, Johnathan D. Diller, Christopher L. Drake, Benlon V. Eaglin, Uronica Earl, Jennifer Ellis, Kimberly Escamilla, Joshua Fite, John A. Flynn III, Michael Franks, Krista R. Fuller.

Honored with an induction too were: Daniel Gallagher, Kelley T. Galland, Benjamin L. Garner, Susan Garrett, Reagan L. Garvey, Christina G. Gilmore, Amy D. Glasscock, Wendy Golden, Lindsay Goodsell, Lori Ann Gould, Cynthia L. Grant, Mary A. Gream, Lorena Gutierrez, Lana Haggerty, Stephen Haines, Amy L. Hale, Laura Harbaugh, Robert M. Harrington, Zella D. Haynes-Causey.

Also inducted were: Ryan Helms, Vatina C. Henderson, Matthew B. Henry, Cheryl Hoehn, Emily B. Hood, Matthew L. Hood, Colette J. Howard, Tiri C. Howard, Jeremy Hubbard, Janna Huie, Tia Ivory, Lisa Kaye Ivy, Brandi Diane Jenkins, George W. Johnson Jr., Ivy Johnson, Jon Johnson, Kelly Johnson, Teresa Johnson.

Also receiving an induction were: A. Rahman Kafray, Carol L. Kapella, Jackie C. Keel, Jonathan Kennedy, Sara Kinsey, Cecilia Kirby, Miranda Kyle, Timothy J. Lang, LuAnn Larson, Stephen Matthew Leddy, Brent Little, Leo Anthony Macevicius, Kimberlee Martin, Anna Mattson, Chris Mayzner, Jason Mazingo, J. L. McClendon, Dennis Roy McCoy.

Also inducted were: Karalyn B. McGhee, Susan McKinney, Derek McLain, James McLane, Elizabeth Migl, Susanna Mohammadi, William Moore, Sherry Newburn, Marie E. Owens, Pamela Lynn Parker, Heather Peden, Ryan Perry, Sharon Pierce, Martin Piskozub, Tonya Player.

Inducted too were: Sara Plocheck, Erin Porterfield, Louis Prejean, Sharifa Pruitt, Daniel L. Rainwater, Abby Rawls,

Jana Ray, Rebecca Reed, Sasha M. Reeder, Brekke Rivers, Jeffrey Brian Roberson, Benjamin Roberts, Randi Roden, Angelique A. Roshto, Susan Ryan.

These were inducted also: Joel Sawyer, Stephanie Sealey, Zonequia Session, Elizabeth Shoemaker, Angela Smith, Daphne Smith, Deedra Smith, P. Michelle Smith, Anna Smyth, April

Sparks, Jaime Dickerson Splawn, Junaid Sulaiman, Yuriko Takamura, J. Brady Talbot, Sharita Tatum.

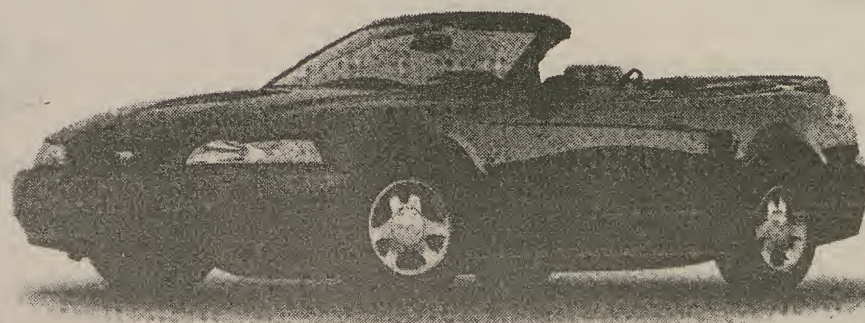
Inducted as well were: Amber Thomas, Bobby C. Thomas, Kristen Thorn, Laura S. Thornton, Anita J. Threet, Martha Torregrossa, Christianne Troyer, Autumn Umphress, Angela Usry, Kimberly M. Vice, Edward A. Vulgamore, Kellye Vulgamott, Amy Wall, Chasity

Rain Wall, Paula M. Wallace.

Rounding out the inductees were: Robert Allen Walton, Jr., Jill N. Ward, Elizabeth Watson, Stacy Welch, Kristi C. Wesbrooks, Samuel Welsh, Kendrick Widemon, Candace Williamson, Paula Willis, Michelle Wilson, Melissa Workman, Crystal Worthen, Joseph Yarbrough, Jefferson Zimmerman, Dawn L. Zimmermann.

The Tejas Award was presented to Kirk Muffoletto in honor of his late father Dean of Students Frankie Muffoletto who was an active member in the Phi Theta Kappa chapter.

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